

"The Public be Damned" Is the Attitude of the Shipowners

"PUBLIC OPINION," as interpreted in the editorial offices of the capitalist press, is demanding of BOTH SIDES that they end the strike. So far all the newspaper concoctions about public opinion are coming from business men and employers, and politicians who are the mouthpiece of the shipowners.

There is not ONE SINGLE LABOR ORGANIZATION that has spoken for the ending of the strike UNLESS THE BASIC RIGHTS OF THE MARITIME UNIONS ARE GUARANTEED. And "public opinion" is a myth if it leaves out Organized Labor which speaks for the working class who represent the majority of

the population.

Even with the "public opinion" of the churches, the employers have not had much luck. After an investigation of the maritime situation, the Social Services Commission of the San Francisco Church Federation, in co-operation with the San Francisco Council of Jews and Christians issued a report ENDORSING THE BASIC DEMANDS OF THE UNIONS.

And if we can believe the San Francisco News, it seems that many San Francisco business men know that the responsibility for the strike is on the Big Four die-hards who are preventing a set-

tlement that all other shipping lines are anxious to reach. This in spite of the fact that "before the strike hundreds of meetings were held to make certain business men generally would be behind the shipowners' program."

The unions have shown by their willingness to handle "perishable cargo" that they are anxious to avoid any undue hardships or inconveniences that the strike may cause. But the winning of their basic demands is just as important to the rest of the labor movement as it is to the maritime unions, and the working class, the trade unions, and the public at large have shown in unmis-

takable manner that their sympathies and active support is on the side of the maritime unions.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A NEUTRAL PUBLIC; either you are on the side of Labor, or you are on the side of the employers and the open-shop Industrial Association.

If the Shipping Merchants Association is really sincere in its desire to end the strike, let them put the blame where it belongs, ON THE "BIG FOUR" SHIPOWNERS.

Let them demand of the Federal Government to "Stop the Ship Subsidies," and the strike could be settled in 24 hours.

Santa Barbara: Workers' Press Bazaar will be held Dec. 4-5th at Workers' Center, 208 W. Canon Perdido. Dec. 4, Variety sale, entertainment. Look for window display Dec. 5, starting at noon. Supper served 6 p.m. Dancing, games, fish pond, good speaker. Benefit Western and Daily Worker 1937 Drive.

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FRENCH DOCKERS STRIKE TO AID U.S. SEAMEN

SPAIN MILITIA IN VICTORIES IN CATALONIA

Expose Fascist Base As Govt. Closes Nazi Embassy

MADRID—While workers' militia engaged in driving Fascist detachments out of a corner of the University City area here, government defenders scored important advances on fronts outside the capital.

The Catalonia War Ministry announced capture of Mount Purburell, strongly fortified Fascist position on the Aragon front near Bujaralozcaspe, 36 miles from Zaragoza.

Several trucks and a military train bringing forces from Zaragoza were destroyed.

The town of Belchite, containing a Fascist airfield, has also been surrounded by Catalonia troops. The town was connected with Zaragoza by rail and was used as a base for Fascist forces.

Government planes raided Palma, Majorca, partly destroying the Fascist air base and principal gasoline depots.

At Talavera de la Reina, an independent attacking column of

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S.F. Demonstration To Protest Murders By Spain Fascists

SAN FRANCISCO.—In protest against the mass murder of women and children and other non-combatants in Madrid by the Spanish Fascists, the American League Against War and Fascism has organized a mass demonstration here for Saturday, December 5th, 1 p.m., on the Civic Center green. The meeting will also protest against recognition of the Spanish Fascists by Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

Western Worker to Publish Strike Pamphlet Serially

The California State Committee of the Communist Party has ordered 2000 copies of the pamphlet "The Maritime Crisis—What It Is and What It Isn't." The pamphlet is published by the International Longshoremen's Assn., Local 38-79, to acquaint the public with the causes of the maritime strike.

Beginning with the next issue, the WESTERN WORKER will publish the pamphlet serially on the Special Maritime Strike Page.

Maritime strikers are urged to write for this page.

ANTI-SOVIET PACT BARED

BERLIN.—Actually a military alliance for a robber war against the Soviet Union, the "anti-Communist pact" between Japan and Germany was admitted by both the Mikado's foreign office and the Nazis.

The Japanese foreign office claimed the agreement was "not directed against the Soviet Union or any other specific power," but against the Communist International for its "support of Chinese Communist armies in order to fight Japan."

Fascist Italy's adherence to the war pact was believed imminent.

The pact included "harsh measures in combating Communism" and a pledge to exchange "every bit of available information on the activities of the Comintern throughout the world."

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"As for Germany and her press, when they find the facts do not jibe with their own theories, they simply discard the facts. Our new constitution will be made on facts, not promises."

Under the new constitution, all men and women citizens over 18 years of age have equal rights universal and direct suffrage, the right to work guaranteed, full social insurance, the right to education, and other social guarantees for the freedom, progress and prosperity of the Soviet people.

The All-Union Congress included 2500 delegates from all over the U.S.S.R., who met in the Kremlin.

Anti-Fascist Meet Called in State

To all trade unions, unemployed organizations, and other progressive groups in the state, calls are going out for the California State Conference Against War and Fascism to be held in San Francisco on Saturday and Sunday, December 12th and 13th.

All organizations desiring to participate are asked to address correspondence to Bert Leech, American League Against War and Fascism, 320 Market St., Rm. 227, S.F. Telephone Douglas 9546. Each organization will be entitled to send two delegates.

The conference will be divided into seven commissions, as follows: church, national minorities, professional, trade union, war and Fascism, women, and youth.

Special arrangements will be made for housing delegates at reasonable rates if reservations are made in advance.

For real social security legislation!

For the defense of civil liberties and the rights of labor!

Build a Farmer-Labor Party!

STALIN SPEAKS CONVENTION IN TO SOVIETS ON TAMPA REJECTS CONSTITUTION LABOR PARTY

Congress of Soviets To Adopt Historic Document

MOSCOW—World history was made here last Wednesday when Joseph Stalin, general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, opened the 8th All-Union Congress of Soviets which is to adopt the new Soviet Constitution, most democratic document in the history of mankind.

"In 10 days we will have a new constitution," said Stalin. "It will be the result of the victories of Socialism and will show that we have freed ourselves from slavery. It will be a document about which millions have dreamed and are still dreaming in capitalist countries."

Indicts Fascism

Speaking on the day when the anti-Soviet agreement between Germany and Japan was announced, Stalin declared:

"This constitutional project is an indictment against Fascism, for it says Socialism and Democracy are invincible. The international meaning of this constitution cannot be exaggerated in view of the spread of Fascism throughout the world."

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3 Plotters Given Clemency

MOSCOW.—Commutation of death sentences to 10 years' imprisonment was granted three engineers, including Emil I. Sticking German citizen, it was announced here.

"It was found possible to reduce the sentences of Sticking, Leonenko and Kovlenko to 10 years' imprisonment, but the others were already shot," the official announcement read.

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Merriam Would Allow Oil Grab

SACRAMENTO.—Despite the overwhelming defeat on Nov. 3 of the proposition which would have handed the state-owned tidelands over to drilling by big oil interests, Governor Merriam plans to ask the Legislature to give the oil companies what they could not get through the ballot.

Merriam stated this week that he is considering proposing that the State mine its big petroleum pools in the tidelands, and secondly, production through leasing to private interests on the basis of contracts negotiated by the State director of finance.

Even if the proposal should give the state larger royalties than the companies have offered, it would amount to a steal, for the profits of the companies would be tremendous. Were the State to operate the pools, considerable funds for unemployed relief could be raised.

IDaho Sales Tax Out

BOISE, Idaho.—Killed by a state referendum of the people, the two percent sales tax in Idaho was officially ended

'Nothing's Happened' Since Last Year, Say Reactionaries

TAMPA, Fla.—Reactionaries dominated the 56th annual convention of the AFL, forced through rejection of a resolution calling for a Labor Party.

The resolutions committee selected one from among the several Labor Party resolutions submitted, for action by the convention.

The rejection forced by the reactionaries while the American Labor Party in New York, which polled 300,000 votes on Nov. 3, was continuing to perfect its machine. At the same time powerful Farmer-Labor Party forces were calling a national Labor Party conference, to be held in Chicago early in the New Year.

"Nothing Has Happened"

The resolutions committee, whose chairman is the ultra-reactionary Matthew Woll and whose secretary is John P. Frey, who wanted the C.I.O. unions expelled, stated that "nothing has happened since the last convention to justify any change" in policy on political action. This was said despite the coming further to the fore of the American Liberty League and other fascist groups, and the increased disregard of civil liberties and workers' rights in the past year.

The executive council's committee of three, headed by George M. Harrison of the Railway Clerks, was reported as planning to meet with C.I.O. representatives but no mention was made of lifting of the C.I.O. suspension as a basis to negotiations.

Resolutions adopted included: Inclusion of agricultural workers in the Social Security Act; a permanent federal relief program; a \$200,000 appropriation for continuation of the senate, investigation of labor spies, and punishment of those who took part in the Tampa floggings last year.

Resolutions were adopted condemning the Standard Oil for Modesto frameup and damning vigilantes in California.

Stay of Sentence For Modesto Men

The 226 seamen of the United States liner President Roosevelt marched off the ship, led by a seaman carrying an American flag, and joined the strike. Other new ships tied up are the Excalibur and the President Harding.

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STOCKTON

STOCKTON.—The strike of 2000 American-born, Filipino, Mexican and Negro celery workers continues solid in field and in shed.

The beginning of terror against the strikers has not broken the solidarity of the strikers, led by the young but militant Stockton Agricultural Workers Union.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles—Hearing on disbarment proceedings instituted by reactionary forces against Leo Gallagher, was postponed until December 8th.

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Los Angeles—After stormy protest of the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, radio station KMTR rescinded its stand in arbitrarily ruling off the air programs arranged to inform the public about true facts in the attempt to disbar Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney.

Disbarment

Disbarment proceedings were brought against Gallagher after he had exposed Superior Judge Arthur Crum as an enemy of labor during the primarily elections when Gallagher opposed him for office.

Pressure Wins Free Speech

KMTR had first approved manuscripts of speeches to be sponsored by the Councils, then canceled the programs on the grounds its attorney, Reed Callister, had advised against it. Callister then issued a statement denying he had ever advised him of the programs, saying he

CHICAGO

CHICAGO.—The two successful independent political parties of the middle west—the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party and the Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation—have plans well under way for a National Farmer-Labor Party conference to be held here early in the coming year.

Both sponsoring organizations

are in reality the first, and not the third parties in their states.

Both parties swept their states in the November elections, and most of the leaders favor a national Farmer-Labor Party.

STATE JOBLESS INSURANCE ACT IS CONSTITUTIONAL

California Supreme Court Upholds Validity of Reserves Act

SAN FRANCISCO.—The California State Supreme Court has declared the State Unemployment Reserves Act constitutional.

By the decision, \$15,000,000 in accumulated pay roll tax collections is released from the office of State Treasurer Johnson, who had impounded the funds.

Employers throughout the

state had been withholding payment of their share of the tax, in their confidence that the court would declare the act invalid.

While these acts are inadequate, barring groups like agricultural workers and others, the court decisions at least set a precedent for constitutionality of unemployment insurance.

The decision rose out of a test case brought by Claude Gillum, owner of the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley.

Last Monday the U. S. Sup-

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TIE UP U.S. SHIPS AT HAVRE; SHIP OFFICERS BLAST RYAN; PLAN BIG PARADES IN WEST

250 ILA Men In N.Y. Refuse To Walk Through Pickets

MADRID'S PEOPLE AMONG BRAVEST

Radio Broadcasts, Big Mass Meets, Part of Plan

BULLETIN.—The Mexican Confederation of Workers on Thursday night formally ordered a complete boycott of American ships until the East, Gulf and West Coast maritime strikes end.

Unions on Thursday reached agreement with Col. O. F. Ohlson, representing the federal government, on ways of sending food and supply ships to Alaska. Union men were to be used, under similar terms to those granted by the Alaska Packers, from whom the ships are being chartered. This gives preferential employment and other demands asked by the unions in the present strike.

SAN FRANCISCO—Instituting a campaign to take the issues of the maritime strike before the public at large, the Joint Maritime Strike Committee has issued 150,000 copies of a four-page folder entitled "The Maritime Strike."

Maritime workers, taken off picket duty at the docks were distributing the leaflets throughout the Bay Area.

The committee has announced a plan for four radio broadcasts weekly, two of which have already been contracted for with Station KGGC Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:15 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO AGAIN LEADS COMMUNIST RECRUITING DRIVE BUT L. A. ISSUES CHALLENGE

Turkey Dinner Sunday Evening Will Fete S.F. Achievement of November 7th Quota; Alameda Recruits 12

Again San Francisco shows the way, recruiting new members to bring its total to 305 since September 7th, in the drive to double the membership of the Communist Party by January 21st.

STRIKERS OK BILL AIMED AT VIGILANTISM

Aim Is To Bring It Into Legislature Next Session

SAN FRANCISCO—The fight to end vigilantism once and for all in California took a big step forward, when the Bay Area strike committee of the International Longshoremen's Assn. adopted the draft of a proposed bill to punish vigilantes.

The bill was formulated by the publicity committee.

Adoption of the draft of the anti-vigilante bill is considered by the Joint Strike Committee of all Bay Area maritime unions as a certainty.

The bill, entitled "An act defining vigilantism and vigilante organizations and membership therein, establishing certain presumptions in connection therewith and providing penalties and punishments therefor," is here-with given in full:

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Sec. 1. **Definitions.** (a) Vigilantism is defined as:

(1) The taking or arresting of another person against his will, or

(2) The use of intimidation, threats or unlawful means for the purpose of interfering with the organization of workers into trade unions, or for the purpose of interfering with the activities of trade unions.

(b) A vigilante organization is defined as any two or more persons who shall meet, gather or associate for the purpose of engaging in vigilantism. It is expressly declared that no bona-fide organization of employees, independent of employer control, who are associated for the purpose of bargaining collectively with their employer or employers can under any circumstances be considered a vigilante organization.

(c) The term, member, is defined as any person who knowingly joins, meets with, cooperates with, or gives or lends funds, services or property to such an organization.

Section 3. **Unlawful Acts. Penalties.** Any person who

(a) Commits any act of vigilantism; or

(b) Is a member of a vigilante organization; or

(c) Organizes or assists in organizing a vigilante organization; or

(d) By spoken or written words or personal conduct incites, provokes, encourages, or causes the commission of vigilantism or the formation of a vigilante organization; or

(e) By spoken or written words or personal conduct advocates, teaches, or affirms the desirability of vigilantism or vigilante organization; or

(f) By spoken or written words or personal conduct excuses, justifies, or condones the commission of acts of vigilantism as guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months or more than one year, or by fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and no court or judge thereof shall have the power or authority to grant probation or suspend the imposition or execution of sentence in any case where guilt is found or established under this Act.

Sec. 4. **Additional Penalties.** Any holder of a public office of the State or a political subdivision thereof, convicted under this Act, shall automatically forfeit such office, and shall forever thereafter be ineligible to hold public office.

Sec. 5. **Presumptions.** (a) Any person or persons who shall take or arrest another person against his will or shall use intimidation, threats or any unlawful means where such acts should reasonably be expected to result in interference with the organization of workers into trade unions, or the activities of trade unions, and such interference does result, is presumed to intend a violation of this Act.

(b) Any person or group of

San Francisco's victory celebration will be held Sunday, November 29th, 6 p.m., at 121 Haight Street, with a turkey dinner priced at 35 cents. It will celebrate the San Francisco comrades' achieving the goal of 250 new members by November 7th.

Los Angeles recruited only 17 last week, but the first issue of their Party Builder states:

"We want to let our San Francisco comrades know that we are NOT down yet. The second half will be a much tougher battle."

Alameda County recruited 12, but reports it is just beginning to hit its stride.

Discuss New Bulletin. The new State Recruiting Bulletin will be out this week—see that your Party unit receives copies for all members to discuss. County drive directors and organizers are urged to forward reports weekly to 121 Haight Street, S. F.

Here are the latest standings:

Section	Recruited
San Francisco	305
Los Angeles	293
Alameda County	84
Bakersfield	20
Monterey	16
Santa Clara	14
San Diego	13
Sacramento	12
Merced	12
San Bernardino	11
Contra Costa County	8
Stockton	5
Santa Barbara	5
San Mateo	5
Sonoma	5
Tuare	4
Lureka	4
Fort Bragg	1
Arizona	1
TOTAL	818

Bag Strikers Get Labor Council OK

SAN FRANCISCO—The Executive Committee of the San Francisco Central Labor Council has approved the demands of 300 mill strikers in four bag factories.

The strikers are led by the United Textile Workers Union. Setting up a soup kitchen at Sansome and Vallejo Sts., the strikers, among whom the girls, are the most militant, showed their determination to dig in for a long struggle if need be.

Strike demands are: 40-hour week; wage increases approximately 15%; time and a half for overtime, and union recognition.

Alliance Seeks Higher WPA Pay

SAN FRANCISCO—Representatives of the Workers Alliance, organization of WPA workers, were preparing to meet WPA officials again Friday, to bring about an increase in wages for WPA workers.

The Workers' Alliance calls for a wage increase from 51 cents to 75 cents an hour, basing its proposed scale on the union scale. WPA officials presented scales based on non-union wages.

Workers' Alliance representatives refused to consider such figures.

WHO WILL SUPPORT?

The Western Worker will be supported only by those whose interest it serves. This means it needs your help in its annual drive for a year's sustaining fund.

persons who shall

(1) Possess, control, or maintain (with or without a license or permit) any firearms, explosives, poison gas, tear gas, naval gas, clubs, knives, blackjacks, slingshots, billies, sandclubs, sandbags, metal knuckles or any other weapons, or shall urge its members or any of them, to possess, control, or maintain the same; or

(2) Possess, use or distribute masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises, worn or suitable for wear by its members, or any of them; or shall equip its members or any of them, with such masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises; or shall require or urge its members, or any of them to possess, wear, or use such masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises with the result that

VERY WELL, MR. OTTS, TAKE THE WITNESS STAND

November 17, 1936.

Western Worker,
121 Haight Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

In the issue of the *Western Worker* dated October 29, 1936, Volume 2, Number 87 on page 8 thereof in the last column appears an article entitled "A Den Of Scab Herding Found In San Francisco". This article refers to me as a scab herder, states that my home is used as a den of scab hiring, alleges that I will hire scabs and that I run an agency to employ scabs. Furthermore, the article states that a maritime worker called at my home and had an interview with me with reference to being employed as a scab.

Please be advised that the statements contained in said article are libelous. Furthermore, the facts contained in said article are wholly untrue.

Demand, therefore, is made upon you for a retraction in accordance with the terms of Section 48a of the Civil Code of the State of California. Unless a satisfactory retraction and apology is made an action of Libel will be instituted against you.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM J. OTTS.

MR. WILLIAM P. OTTS, scabherder who wrote this letter to the *Western Worker*, certainly will not contribute to its support. The *Western Worker* has no intention of retracting a word it wrote about him. But we do appeal to workers to contribute to the annual drive of the *Western Worker* to help us expose more like him and to help the every-day struggle of the labor movement and the fight for democratic rights of the people of the West Coast. See Page 5 for further details.

500 S.F. Dyers Strike 3 Plants

BULLETIN

The strike ended after one day when workers voted to accept the employers offer of wage increases from \$1 to \$10 a week, 8-hour day in a 40-hour week, union recognition and preferential hiring.

The agreement was accepted on condition that salesmen-drivers be included in the agreement, and this was to be determined Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO—Five hundred workers in the Thomas Allee and Taco cleaning and dying plants, all owned by the Allee-Thomas corporation, came out on strike Wednesday at 7 a.m., completely closing the plant.

They are demanding a closed shop and a 40-hour week, in place of discriminatory conditions and hours as high as 50 per week. Wage demands are being drawn up to replace present rates as low as 46 cents an hour for cleaners.

The strike is led by Cleaners and Dyers Local 17988 headed by Benjamin Unterberger, president. All who were not already members joined at the mass meeting in the Labor Temple immediately following the walk-out. Besides the leaders of the local, the meeting was addressed by John Schomaker, representative of the Joint Maritime Strike Committee; Charles Keegan, business agent of the Laundry Workers' Union, and Jenny Matyas of the ILGWU.

Engineers and teamsters were reported to be refusing to work until the company reaches a satisfactory settlement with the Cleaners and Dyers.

the organization of worker into trade unions or the activities of trade unions is interfered with, shall be presumed to intend a violation of this Act.

Sec. 6. **Short Title.** This Act may be cited and designated as the Anti-Vigilante Act.

Sec. 7. **Constitutionality.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Act. It is hereby declared that each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Act would have been enacted irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases are or should be declared unconstitutional.

BLUFF CALLED PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Power of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee was seen when the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. failed to carry out its threat to withhold a 10 per cent wage increase.

Speakers will include Princess Helga zo Lovenstein, German exile; Jean Muir, screen star; Aubrey Blair, of the Los Angeles Central Council; Mayor Edmund S. Gillette of Santa Monica; Noel Madison, in a playlet; with Prof. Ordean Rockett as chairman. No admission will be charged.

Postpone Trial on Leo Gallagher Disbarment

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had only objected to a few phrases.

Individuals and organizations lodged protests with the station, and the Councils warned KMTR officials of reprisals under the civil code for muzzling free speech rights.

Result was that radio officials permitted the broadcasts, which reports indicate were received enthusiastically.

In the last issue it was incorrectly reported that the Common Laborers' Union had passed a resolution protesting the disbarment move against Gallagher. Such a resolution was scheduled to be introduced into the union in the near future.

Unionists To Be At Picket Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO.—Consideration of repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance by the Board of Supervisors will take place on Monday.

The Supervisors postponed consideration from last Monday at the request of open shop organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Association, and Dry Goods Association.

Big delegations from unions, including probably 1000 or so from the maritime unions will be on hand.

The conference is for the purpose of forming an AFL Bay Area Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings.

Edward Vandeleur referred Mooney's letter to the Executive Board, even though Mooney pointed out the critical stage of the case.

Leading Speakers To Score Nazi Menace In Ocean Pk. Meet

SAN PERLITA, Tex.—The Nazi Menace will be subject of a mass meeting at Municipal Auditorium here next Wednesday, December 2nd, 8 p.m., under auspices of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy.

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POOR FARMERS SEEK MISSING HUNTERS ON "LARGEST RANCH"

SAN PERLITA, Tex.—Aroused by disappearance of Luther Blanton, 57, and his son John, 24, while on a hunting trip in the "forbidden" game preserve on the million-acre King ranch, poor farmers last Wednesday organized a search party for the two men on this "largest" ranch in the world, where 1000 cowboys and wardens maintain a virtual empire for the owner. The disappearance was another incident which aroused the hatred of the small farmers against the wealthy ranchers who dictate political and economic life in southern Texas.

OGDEN REFUSES TO EXCUSE A SHIPOWNER AS ATTEMPT TO PACK KING JURY CONTINUES

Presentation of Evidence Soon To Start; King, and Ramsay See Encinal, Scene Of Killing, For First Time

OAKLAND—Presentation of the framed testimony in the "ship murder" trial will apparently start next week. Friday, the tenth day of examination of prospective jurors, still saw the jury incomplete.

Selection of the jury is consuming so much time because

District Attorney Earl Warren is determined to oust all union people, and because the defense is equally determined to oust as many reactionaries as possible.

Three of the four defendants visited Encinal Terminal, Alameda, scene of the killing of George W. Alberts, with their attorneys Wednesday. The visit was a routine affair in connection with the defense.

First Time at Encinal

It was the first time Earl King, head of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, and Ernest G. Ramsey, former business agent for the union, had ever been near the terminal. Both were in San Francisco when Alberts was stabbed to death last March 22.

The other defendant to make the visit was Frank J. Conner, ship's delegate of the steamship Point Lobos at the time Alberts, their chief engineer, was killed. George Wallace, fourth defendant, did not go.

George R. Anderson, chief defense attorney, was held in contempt of court Tuesday by Superior Judge Frank M. Ogden when the latter refused to allow a prospective juror to answer Anderson's questions.

"I filed an affidavit of bias and prejudice once before against your honor," he told Judge Ogden. "I repeat that charge—your honor is biased and prejudiced against these defendants in refusing to allow proper examination of prospective jurors."

"You are in contempt of court," the judge flashed back. "I order you to show cause at the close of this session why you should not be sentenced for contempt."

But Judge Ogden merely warned Anderson at the hearing half an hour later. The juror, Mrs. Claire Stipe, had testified, incidentally, that she once took care of Warren's children for six weeks when the district attorney's wife was sick.

Just previously, Judge Ogden had discharged Dave Anderson, Oakland banker, when the latter testified he eats lunch with members of the district attorney's staff at least twice a week.

Another conference to form a Citizens' Committee for Support of the Maritime Strike is scheduled to meet regularly Tuesdays and Fridays at Carpenters' Hall, 112 Valencia Street. Trade unions are invited to send representatives and invitations will be issued to liberal and fraternal organizations.

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Despite "Red Squad" intimidation, the women are determined not to accept the starvation dole, and demand work to maintain a decent standard for their children.

A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

STRIKE BROADCAST NUMBER 1 IT PRESENTS THE WEST COAST MARITIME STRIKE IN A NUTSHELL

Presented Over KGCC, Friday, Nov. 20th
As First of a Series on the
Waterfront Union Strike

Q. When did the maritime strike begin?
A. Midnight of October 29, 1936.
Q. How many men are out on strike?
A. Approximately forty thousand who are directly connected with the Maritime strike.

Q. What area does this strike cover?
A. The entire Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico.
Q. What ports adjacent to the Pacific Coast are affected?
A. The Hawaiian ports.

Q. What Unions are officially out on strike?
A. International Longshoremen's Association; Sailors' Union of the Pacific; Marine Cooks and Stewards; Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association; Masters, Mates and Pilots, West Coast Local No. 90; Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, Pacific Coast District; American Radio Telegraphers Association.

Q. Could the strike have been avoided?
A. Yes, the strike could have been avoided if the shippers would have been willing to guarantee to the unions certain fundamental conditions.

Q. What were these fundamental conditions in the case of the Longshoremen?
A. Continuation of the six-hour day; maintaining of the hiring halls as handed down in the ward of 1934.

Q. In the case of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific?
A. Retention of the present system of re-hiring; and cash overtime.

Q. In the case of the Marine Cooks and Stewards?
A. Retention of present hiring system; and the eight-hour day within a spread of twelve.

Q. In the case of the Marine Firemen?
A. Retention of the present hiring system; and cash overtime.
Q. In the case of the Masters, Mates and Pilots?
A. Preference of employment; and cash overtime.

Q. In the case of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association?
A. Preference of employment; and adjustment in the manning scale of the Engineers.

Q. In the case of the American Radio Telegraphers Association?
A. Strict eight hours radio watch for radio operators; and retention of hiring hall.

Q. You have used the term "Cash Overtime." What do you mean by that?
A. Under the agreements the men received for their overtime work time off at the option of the employer. That meant that if a man worked, for example, on a trip fifteen hours overtime, that the employer could give this man time off instead of a cash payment.

Q. Is it a general practice in industry to give time off for overtime worked instead of a cash payment for such work?
A. No. Ninety-nine per cent of industry, either unionized or non-union, always pay cash for overtime worked in excess of the regular hours.

Q. In the case of the Cooks and Stewards, what is meant that the eight-hour day is an issue?
A. Under the present conditions the cooks and stewards are required to work ten hours within a spread of fifteen hours.

Q. What is meant by a spread of fifteen hours?
A. That means that a man is subject to call at any time during the fifteen hours period and that he must work at least ten hours within that period.

Q. How do these hours compare with others on board ship?
A. All other crafts have at least an eight-hour day.

Q. Do the cooks and stewards insist on working a straight eight-hour day?
A. No. They are willing to recognize that their services may be required outside of the eight hours and, therefore, are willing to work on eight-hour day within a spread of twelve hours.

Q. What are the generally recognized hours on shore for cooks, stewards and waiters?
A. Eight hours, and usually without any spread whatsoever.

Q. Previously you mentioned the fact that a number of unions insist upon retaining their present hiring system and that some of the unions desire preference of employment. What do you mean by a hiring hall?
A. The unions on the waterfront in their own headquarters maintain what corresponds to an employment office for their own members.

Q. How does this differ from the previous method of employment?
A. Prior to 1934 the men had to go down to the docks and individually seek employment.

Q. Did this system lead to abuses?
A. Yes. It meant favorites. It means that the men frequently had to give bribes in order to obtain jobs.

Q. Did this system give a man any security?
A. No; none whatever. A man could be rejected for a job without regard to his competency and receive no reason whatsoever from the employer. Furthermore, it meant a very unequal distribution of the work because there was no central clearing house through which employment could be obtained.

Q. Who registers in the present hiring halls?
A. Unemployed members of the union.

Q. When a job comes in, how is that job filled?
A. The job is offered to those men who are competent and who have been the longest unemployed.

Q. What determines a man's competency?
A. His discharge papers.

Q. What are those discharge papers?
A. They are a certificate of discharge issued in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Navigation.

Q. Have you a copy of a typical discharge paper?
A. Yes, I have. Here is one.

Q. I set on the certificate of discharge that the ship's name is given, the port of registration, and the description of the voyage.

Q. Yes, that is correct.
A. It also indicates the seaman's birthplace, his age, the type of work he did on board ship, and the date of his discharge?

A. That's right.

WEST COAST



HARRY BRIDGES, outstanding West Coast maritime strike leader.

HIGH LIGHTS OF HAWAII

HONOLULU.—The ships now strikebound in Honolulu harbor are the Lurline, Diamond Head, President Hayes, Helen Whittier, Maumalei and President Pierce. The last two named ships were tied up late last week.

Latest orders from the Coast Headquarters Strike Committee in San Francisco is to clear all American Flag Oil Tankers. A message has been forwarded to Hilo to load and unload all foreign flag ships.

About one-thousand men on strike are being fed daily at the strike relief kitchen, 475 South Queen Street, at an average cost of seven cents a meal. Sixty-five men are being served at one sitting.

The strike publicity committee went on the air again over KGK. The program was sponsored by Rainier, Tacoma, Pacific and A.B.C. union brewed beers. The broadcasts will be a regular feature during the strike coming on Monday 8 to 8:15 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 to 8:45 p.m. and Friday from 8 to 8:15 p.m. Striking unionists will explain basic issues of the present controversy and tell their side of their story to the public.

The strike recreation committee has arranged a series of baseball games and other sport events to be played between crews of different ships on strike here. Last Wednesday Firemen beat the Stewards 18-10, the Longshoremen licked the Sailors 9-6 and Friday the Firemen trounced the Stewards again 7-5.

David Grange is Chief Scabherder

NEW YORK—Here is an affidavit which shows how in their eagerness to break the East Coast seamen's strike, shipowners and reactionary I.S.U. officials like vice-president David E. Grange care little for passengers' lives. The affidavit, in the possession of a striking seaman, says:

"I, Harry Charles Hycoom, of 487 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, attest that the following statement is true and correct:

"I went to 61 Whitehall Street (headquarters of Grange—Ed.) and applied for a job as a seaman. I was taken from the second floor to Room 301 on the third floor. I was registered and told to see Mr. Arris of the Marine Cooks and Steward's Union.

Right to Intervene

Sapiro started by demanding the right to intervene. Because the United States government has gone on record in congress as authorizing collective bargaining and the right of labor to strike, Sapiro maintained that Judge McCormick must admit labor to a place in the court proceedings.

With the same discrimination that he used in his recent aid to Imperial Valley vigilantes in refusing to grant Communist election candidates protection to speak over the radio in El Centro, Judge McCormick refused Sapiro's suggestion of \$2500 for the bond that is required in all cases of intervention and set the bond at \$8500, forcing the I.L.A. attorney to ask for a continuance of his petition.

Declaring that he had several private detective agencies apply to him to furnish men to unload the bananas, the testimony of Marshal Clark offered complete evidence of the part that hired thugs play as strikebreakers.

A "Futile Gesture"

Things began to look bad for the libelants Wednesday, November 18, when U. S. Attorney Hall summed up the entire trial as a "futile gesture" and charged collusion on the part of the libelants and the respondents.

Pointing out that the suit was in reality a "frame-up," Hall stated that "the only ones to gain by this trial are the shipowners." He implied that the questions that were asked me had got together and put up a "sham suit" to secure the services of the Federal Courts as (Name signed, notarized).

The jobless electrician refused strikebreaker.

to board the ship and reported the incident to the strikers, later Ransdall, Chief Deputy Marshal, Hall further brought out

THE STORY OF THE FAMOUS SAN PEDRO 'BANANA CASE', SHIPPERS TRIED TO GET GOVT. TO SCAB

Unions Took Determined Stand Against Such a Precedent and as a Result Judge McCormick Backed Down

LOS ANGELES—Awkwardly backing away from his former decision, Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick of the United States District Court in Los Angeles, dismissed the infamous "banana case" Thursday, November 19th, "solely on grounds of lack of jurisdiction."

Arising from a libel possession suit instigated by Otis and McAllister, fruit brokers in San Pedro, Judge McCormick issued an order, November 7, authorizing the United States Marshal Robert P. Clark to take possession of the strike-bound steamer California and unload 4216 stems of bananas for which Otis and McAllister were the consignees.

The Pedro Situation

The situation in San Pedro, already dangerous because of the presence of an extra police force of nearly 600 men under the leadership of Captain Hynes of the Los Angeles "Red Squad," was further intensified by this order and the subsequent decision of local 38-82 of the International Longshoremen's Association to handle no perishables.

With orders from Attorney-General Cummings to "take no further action until definite notice from me," Marshal Clark went to San Pedro, conferred with union president Roy Donnelly, took a look at the steamer California and found all workers on strike, returned to the International Seamen's Union at Atlantic ports.

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The Run-Around

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Inquiry at the International Seamen's Union offices in Chicago developed a run-around. One international officer was in New York, his secretary said, and nobody else could talk for him but he gave a phone number for another officer. Inquiry at the second number ended in a blank wall. The officer himself was not in and nobody connected with the union was and nobody knew where anybody could be found.

Things hung fire for a few days, and meanwhile the I.L.A. attorneys, Aaron Sapiro and John C. Packard filed a petition for intervention in the proceedings. Otis and McAllister retaliated by obtaining from Judge McCormick an order directing Marshal Clark to show cause why he had not executed the court's order.

On Monday, November 16, the court proceedings were resumed. In court were Aaron Sapiro and John C. Packard representing the I.L.A., U. S. Attorney Pieron M. Hall, counsel for the Marshal, Chalmers Graham and Albert Cluff for the consignees, and Joe Anderson for the shipowners.

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"At the feeding station on

EAST COAST



JOE CURRAN, outstanding East and Gulf Coast seamen's strike leader.

SCABS SHIPPED FROM CHICAGO

And Officials of ISU Help Ship Them

CHICAGO.—Responding to ads in the Chicago Tribune for ablebodied seamen for the east coast, sailors went to the Great Northern hotel and found an agency hiring strikebreakers to man vessels picketed by rank-and-file members of the International Seamen's Union at Atlantic ports.

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We, the Chinese workers' letter began, are so much sympathized by your striking action and are sure the Seamen's condition which can be made better only through struggling of the united front of them (the Seamen) upon the shipowners.

"We, no doubt, it continues, the members of the same union, accordingly we can make no difference between you and us. The difference is that forced to be made is that because we have contract with the company and bonds have also paid to the company for security during the term. Moreover Immigration law has also confined us from freedom.

"Under all above situation," the letter continues, "we there compelled to be on ship. Here enclosed the sum of \$69.50 as a spirited and material help hope you will accept it and support all Brothers of the striking members.

"Hoping you," the letter concludes, "to continue your energy and ambition and a successful victory is reached very soon, your Chinese Brother of sin-cerity."

It was a strange position for the United States Government to be in. To defend the Marshal, Hall had at the same time to take the part of labor, to point out that "he would not expect the court to force the Marshal to put guns at the backs of people, forcing them to work."

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MASTERS, MATES ARE ON PICKET LINE FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY; THEY PICKET IN SPEED BOAT

About 700 Licensed Men Are Registered For Duty, and Officers of Biggest Ships Are on the Line

SAN FRANCISCO—Thanks to the Maritime Federation, for the first time in history, Masters, Chief Engineers and the sea-going licensed personnel are responding unanimously to a strike call.

This was revealed when a check-up on both branches of the licensed maritime unions in San Francisco showed that more than 95 per cent of them are now doing picket duty along with other members of the Federation on Frisco's waterfront.

Approximately 700 licensed deck officers, including masters, are registered for and standing their picket watches in this port. Some of the larger passenger liners, such as the President Hoover, President Coolidge and the Malolo are well represented. Coast and Bar Pilots are reported to be coming to the union hall and signing up with the union.

The National Order of Masters, Mates and Pilots, with headquarters in New York City, have made inquiries as to what assistance east coast locals can be to the strike. They have responded with financial support.

Pickets in Speed Boats

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Repeal Anti-Picketing

Ordinance

ALTHOUGH the judiciary committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors had recommended it, the scheduled hearing on proposal to submit the anti-picketing ordinance to the voters next February was postponed until next Monday by the board.

There was no good reason for the postponement. The judiciary committee had acted; the workers' representatives were there, ready to speak in favor of the proposal; the issue was clear. The postponement was caused by messages from employers of labor, who declared they had "not had an opportunity to study the proposal," and who therefore wanted it stalled.

Trade unions and other labor and progressive groups should adopt and send to the Board of Supervisors resolutions calling upon it to act favorably on the proposal to place the repeal of the twenty-year-old anti-picketing ordinance on the ballot next February.

Representatives should be sent to the open hearing on Monday to present the views of organizations vitally interested in the repeal of this anti-labor ordinance. There is no doubt that the Chamber of Commerce and the various merchants' associations will have representatives present to urge its retention.

Once the repeal proposal is placed on the ballot, we are confident the people of San Francisco will act to rid themselves of this anti-labor measure. What is needed now is pressure to get it placed on the ballot.

How Green Meets the Needs
For Unity

THE HYPOCRISY of William Green's many recent speeches about the crying need for unity in the organized labor movement was revealed in the action of his resolutions committee which handed down the decree of "suspended indefinitely" against the ten unions of the Committee for Industrial Organizations.

Thus Green meets the need for unity by cutting 1,000,000 members off the lists of the AFL.

What next?

The indefinite suspension, instead of outright expulsion, is intended to be used in an effort to make the C.I.O. unions come to terms, at the expense of the drive to organize the workers in the mass production industries into industrial unions.

Perhaps the executive council members believe that this will be more easily accomplished now that the authority of the A.F.L. convention is behind the suspension. But this was not a full A.F.L. convention. Delegates from C.I.O. unions were not seated. One-third of the normal voting strength of the convention was missing.

That pressure against the C.I.O. will now be increased is evident from the fact that the council has been given authority to call a special convention "to apply more drastic treatment" to the C.I.O. unions if the "truce" fails. This is a thinly veiled threat of expulsion.

Despite this action, the cause of unity in the organized labor movement is not yet lost. For the council, given power to call a special convention for more drastic punitive measures, also can be forced to call a special convention to heal the rift within the ranks of the A.F.L. This can be done on the basis of a settlement which would not in any way hamper the drive to organize the masses of unorganized workers into powerful industrial unions, made the A.F.L.

Whether this will be done or not depends on the action of local unions and central labor bodies throughout the country. It was pressure exerted by these bodies which stopped the plans of the hotheads in the A.F.L. who demanded outright expulsion of the C.I.O. unions. Similar pressure, increased a hundredfold, can yet heal the breach and force unity upon the splitters of the Executive Council.

Halt Fascist War Mongers

THE declaration of war by Germany and Italy against the People's Front Government of Spain—a declaration inherent in the recognition of Franco by Hitler and Mussolini—is being followed by acts of war. Franco's announcement of the blockade of Barcelona and other ports, with German and Italian cruisers and submarines hovering in the background, was followed by the torpedoing of a Spanish government cruiser by a German submarine. Merchant ships of non-Fascist countries are being stopped, searched, and interned.

And yet—in face of these arrogant moves by Germany and Italy—Eden of England continues to prate about the sanctity of the "non-intervention" pact, and Blum of France still refuses to recognize the legally established Spanish government by selling it sorely needed arms and munitions!

Hitler and Mussolini are very well aware of what is at stake in the invasion of Spain by Moors and Foreign Legionnaires, led by the Fascist Franco; they know that in Spain world democracy is defending itself against the offensive of world Fascism. This is why they have recognized Franco's paper "government."

Workers and other progressives and lovers of liberty throughout the world must act. Not Spanish democracy—but world democracy is being attacked! Pressure must be brought against democratic governments to recognize in practice and help the heroic anti-Fascist militia defending Madrid and democracy against Fascist terror.

California trade unionists, liberals and other anti-Fascists must lift their voices in unison with those of progressive elements throughout the rest of the country to protest against the recognition of Franco by the Fascist governments of Italy and Germany!

Resolutions of protest should be adopted and sent to the German and Italian Ambassadors at Washington. Protest meetings should be held, and delegations sent to the German and Italian consulates in every large California city. Such delegations have already been sent in San Francisco. Other cities should follow suit.

All San Francisco workers are urged to turn out at the Civic Center on Saturday, December 5th, at one p.m., where a large meeting is being arranged by the American League against War and Fascism, in protest against the atrocities committed by Franco's hordes against the civilian population of Madrid.

Act Now to Save Thaelmann

WITH the execution of Edgar Andre by the Nazi butchers, the life of Ernst Thaelmann, now being secretly held in an unnamed concentration camp in central Germany, is in the gravest danger.

Although Thaelmann is seriously ill due to the torture to which he was subjected in Moabit prison, he is being forced to do the most strenuous work. The Nazis are awaiting the opportunity of murdering Thaelmann by shooting him "as he attempts to escape"—the usual phrase used to cover up their murders.

The Nazis will never bring Thaelmann to trial; the trumped-up "case" against him has completely collapsed. Still he is not released.

Protests against Thaelmann's detention, demands for his release, must be intensified now if his life is to be saved.

All trade unions and other organizations are urged to pass resolutions protesting the execution of Edgar Andre, and demanding the release of Thaelmann. These should be forwarded to the German Embassy at Washington, D.C.

World-wide pressure, which has so far been successful in keeping the Nazis from carrying out their murderous plans, can yet win freedom for this courageous anti-Fascist. But no time can be lost.

LET STANDARD OIL REMEMBER THE MIGHT OF LABOR



THIS TRAGIC SCENE took place at the home of Alphonse Buyle last Monday. Buyle and John Rodgers, two of the nine Modesto frame-up victims, were sentenced in San Rafael last Tuesday for "burglary" after Standard Oil framed them as a result of the tanker strike last year. The boycott of Standard Oil of California product must now be made doubly effective if the Modesto victims are to be freed. Buyle is bidding his wife, seriously ill, and one of his children good-bye in San Francisco.

I.L.A. Local 38-79 Gives Its Report On Labor Party

(Sent to Entire Press)

On Wednesday, October 7th, this committee was appointed by the Executive Board to make a study of the communication to the I.L.A. dated September 2nd, by Brother Francis J. Gorman, First Vice-President of the C.I.O. There are a number of other international unions which have not taken a stand for a Labor Party, but which have many locals and district councils that have taken such a stand.

Co-operation of Labor and Progressive Forces

2. The committee also looked into the position of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, which controls the Minnesota State Administration, and the Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation, which is the trade-union wing of the LaFollette Progressive Party in Wisconsin. Both these bodies have made efforts to look into the background of this movement and hereby presents a brief summary of its findings:

In the field of independent political action we find three developments which are of great importance to the trade union movement:

The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party called a conference in Chicago last May, of 85 labor and political leaders, which decided to support the formation of Local and State Farmer-Labor Parties and the launching of Labor Tickets and to strive for the election of a strong labor and progressive bloc to Congress and to work for the building of a national Farmer-Labor Party after the election.

3. The movement for independent political action by labor received a further impetus with the formation of Labor's Non-Partisan League at the initiative of John L. Lewis, and other C.I.O. leaders. Its immediate objective is to win the labor vote for the re-election of President Roosevelt and the defeat of the Landon-Knox ticket. But it has a more far-reaching objective, which was brought out at its August conference in Washington, D.C. in the speeches of John Lewis, George Perry, Sidney Hillman and other prominent labor leaders, and in the decisions of the conference. Briefly stated, it is the following:

In order to use Labor's political strength to defeat the reactionary anti-labor forces, Labor's Non-Partisan League is to remain a permanent national organization after the election, for the purpose of furthering independent political action by labor. This conference of approximately 150 trade union leaders therefore adopted a policy which had the same general purpose as those unions which favor a Labor Party, and a number of organizations in the Labor Party movement also became a part of Labor's Non-Partisan League, which elected a national executive board of leaders of 35 international unions, headed by John L. Lewis and Major Berry.

Strength Tested

In order to test its strength, Labor's Non-Partisan League formed the American Labor Party in New York State, and placed it on the New York State ballot, supporting President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman. This organization has affiliated unions representing 500,000 members in New York State, and has the endorsement of the President of the New York State Federation of Labor, George Meany, and of our International President, J. P. Ryan.

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A.

The Chronicle Is Disillusioned

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE is editorially dismayed and disillusioned "to realize that the peace of Europe now depends on the good sense and self-restraint of Josef Stalin. Just now he does not want war. That fact is the sole hope of not having war. . . Since the nearer danger, just now, is not economic revolution, but war, the rampaging Fascist dictators are the more immediate threat. Incongruous as it seems, we may have to trust to Stalin to save the world from being set afire by Hitler and Mussolini."

Strange words from the same editorial page that only a short time ago was hoping for a Fascist victory in Spain because "Fascism is the lesser evil." And stranger still to read from the pen of the same Chester Rowell, that has written so many learned stupidities, the following:

"For have no illusions about it. These dictators are for Fascism in Spain now and against Communism in Russia. But they are at least as hostile to democracy as they are to Communism, and have more than once said so, in plain language. Hitler and Mussolini are not going to be deposed by German or Italian Communists; still less by Russian ones."

"They may very easily meet their end by the uprising of Italian or Germany democracy. They will feel safer against that menace if they can destroy democracy in France. Having set the precedent of intrusion in Spain, France comes next. Then democracy topples, on the European continent, and Britain and America are on the defensive against the march of Fascism everywhere."

It is possible that the editorial writers of the Chronicle are forced to admit that the peace policy of the Soviet Union is yielding a powerful influence for the defense of democracy and peace? If so, there is one conclusion they have failed to make (not that we expect it of them). That is, that America must throw its great power and influence into the scales against the Fascist menace, by collaborating with the Soviet Union and all other countries that are willing to co-operate to check the mad dogs of Fascism. That is what we Communists mean by our slogan: "Keep America out of war, by keeping war out of the world."

On Settling the Strike

We hereby offer some free advice to the Shipping Merchants' Association, which is leading the great hullabaloo to "settle the strike." If they are really sincere in their efforts, they surely know that the main obstacle in settling the strike is the refusal of Mr. T. G. Plant and the American-Hawaiian, Matson, Dollar, and Swayne & Hoyt lines to negotiate a settlement on the basis of the union hiring hall, while practically all other lines are willing to settle but are being prevented from doing so by the "Big Four" diehards, whom Harry Bridges has described as "punch drunk and blind with hatred."

THE STRIKE COULD BE SETTLED IN 24 HOURS, but for the determination of these four lines for a "showdown" fight to a finish" to smash the unions on the waterfront. The maritime unions will never surrender the hard-won gains of the 1934 strike, which have given them for the first time some measure of decent working conditions. Any one who asks them to do this is advocating the program of the worst labor-hating, pro-Fascist elements in the employers' ranks.

The way to end the strike is simple: Demand that the U.S. Government stop the ship subsidies upon which these Big Four are dependent. They will sing a different tune, and be ready to settle in 24 hours.

The Workers Press

At no time as the present was it so important to bring to the people a correct analysis of the political events and developments in the labor movement in America and throughout the world. At no time was it so important to show the way to bring about unity of labor and all progressive forces against the threatening danger of reaction, Fascism, and war; to building the American People's Front, a Farmer-Labor Party; to prepare the masses, through the fight for Democracy today, for the eventual triumph of Socialism and the abolition of hunger, war, unemployment, insecurity and all the other evil aspects of capitalist society.

The Western Worker, Daily Worker, and Sunday Worker are conducting their annual drive jointly, to guarantee their coming out and continued improvement throughout 1937. The quota for California is \$12,000.00. Not Moscow gold, Mr. Hearst, but the pennies, nickels, and dimes of workers and all foes of Fascism and war, who want to see the smokescreen of the capitalist press pierced by a powerful working-class press. Every reader of the Western Worker who contributes to our financial drive is helping to strike a powerful blow at reaction.

Studio Carpenters Give Strike \$5750

WPA Head Won't Seek More Jobs

LOS ANGELES—Five thousand dollars to the striking West Coast maritime workers!

This demonstration of solidarity with the maritime workers by the Studio Carpenters, local 946 Hollywood, brought tremendous applause from the delegates at the last meeting of the Central Labor Council here.

With a previous donation of \$750, this contribution of \$5000, which will be given to the maritime workers at the rate of \$500 a week for the next ten weeks, brings the total amount donated by the studio carpenters to \$5750.

The District Council of Carpenters also announced that they will contribute \$250 a week to the maritime workers for the duration of the strike.

Fifty dollars was donated by the Upholsterers and the delegate reported each member was to be assessed 25 cents per week for the strike fund.

Mass protest in picket lines about the W.P.A. offices was to begin Monday, November 23rd, at 10 a.m.

WESTERN WORKER,
 121 Haight Street,
 San Francisco.

I want to see the workers' press continue to live and grow. I enclose \$..... as a contribution to the combined annual drive of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker.

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YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Cooking in Aluminum Utensils Is Not At All Harmful

DEAR DOCTOR: Does boiling meat in aluminum utensils cause injury to the health? I haven't had headaches like I used to since I have stopped using aluminum. Raw prunes give me headaches, also.

Answer—Extensive tests have been made with cooking various foods in utensils, and it has been found that very small amounts of the metal are absorbed during the cooking. However, these quantities are many times smaller than the amount of aluminum that is found in most common garden vegetables. No one was ever harmed by eating even large quantities of these vegetables. The conclusion was reached that cooking in aluminum vessels could not be at all harmful to the ordinary person.

It is possible that your headaches may have been due to a special sensitivity to certain substances, among them aluminum and raw prunes. This could only be determined by a doctor, through rubbing some of the material into a scratch on your skin. If so, you should avoid eating anything containing the offending substances.

Bad Breath May Be Cured Only By Treating Underlying Cause

DEAR DR. BISSELL: I understand that a disordered stomach is the most common cause of bad breath. Change of stomach culture is supposed to alter the conditions. Is this true?

Answer—All cases of bad breath, or "Halitosis," cannot be cured by treating a supposed disordered stomach which may not exist, any more than they can be cured by a mouth wash, as the "Listerine" ads would have us believe.

The most usual cause of foul breath is cavities, or decaying food in the teeth. Other causes may be infected tonsils, infection of the nose or throat, constipation, indigestion, or bronchial catarrh.

There is no method of changing the stomach culture in the treatment of any stomach ailment.

Readers Give Their Opinions On the Health Column

HERE ARE some excerpts in answer to my request for opinions as to the subject matter in this column. I wish to thank the readers who have taken the effort to voice their opinions. Such letters are the best medium that a workers' newspaper has to maintain contact with the masses. Let's have more of them.

"Dr. Bissell:

"Can't agree with F. M.'s criticism of your column. I like it as is. The health columns of capitalist papers do not take up workers' health problems or approach them with a view of workers' ability to follow. Have been much interested in almost all of your articles, and consider them necessary. I'm interested in industrial diseases, especially those common on the West Coast; in health insurance and advice about medical aid to relief clients.

"Yours,

C. M."

"... I think the articles on general health and the newest developments in medical science are the most interesting. I like to see fakes and quacks exposed. I like to see light thrown on old taboos also. Articles on industrial diseases are helpful, but the audience is limited in each case. Unless letters are especially interesting I think your column would be more interesting if you printed only short individual answers at the end of each article you write. Comradely, E. B."

"... I agree to a certain extent... that it is rather a shock to some of us to have 'diseased interiors' of our fellow human beings exposed to inspection... The issues in which you showed highly advertised patent medicines to be simple remedies, such as Alka Seltzer being a common grade of Epsom Salts, must have been of special interest to users of patent remedies. Also the issue in which you gave remedies for simple ailments, called by their common names, was also interesting. Kind regards,

"Mrs. M. W."

HOLLYWOOD RESUME: Protest Can Stop the Fascist Film on Spain

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—Mae West's row with Randy Hearst has been squared. The curvaceous one is now allowed back in the Hearst sheets.

Robert Montgomery has just paid \$35,000 for release from the management contract which the Small-Landau Agency held with him. Bob has three more years to go at Metro, at \$16,000 per annum. Fox is trying to find a job for George Temple, Shirley's papa, so they can keep him on the lot, and far from contact with other producers who keep filling his head full of the idea that Shirley isn't making enough, and that she ought to be switched to their studios...

Pals of Mischa Auer, who was that sensational gorilla man in "My Man Godfrey," rib him by asking if it's true that Universal is going to star him in a film based on Darwin's theory of evolution...

Laughton and Fairbanks? Douglas Fairbanks is trying to get Charles Laughton for the star role in "The Adventures of Marco Polo," first of his productions in conjunction with Samuel Goldwyn...

Among recent doings of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy have been two presentations of "Church, Kitchen and Children," new 1-act play by Irwin Shaw; the first time it was read by Florence Eldridge and Freddie March, the second time by Kay Johnson and John Deering. It is the story of a Jewish doctor and his Aryan nurse, separated by Hitler racial regulations...

Organize Office Workers Movement is afoot to get the studio office workers adequately organized. While the American Federation of Labor office workers' local here has started a heavy drive, an unfeated Motion

'Der Kampf,' Film In L.A., Shows Dimitroff's Trial

LOS ANGELES—"Der Kampf" (The Struggle), which opens its Western premiere engagement Friday matinee, November 27, at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand Avenue, is a screen contribution to the already voluminous literature about the Reichstag fire and the Leipzig trial.

Thousands of columns of newspapers throughout the world told of the success of the Nazi swindle on the German people in attributing the firing of the Reichstag to Communists plotting an insurrection and thus helping to frighten the electorate into voting the National Socialists into power.

The Leipzig trial at which George Dimitroff hurled back at his prosecutors the charge that they themselves had set the Reichstag fire, and his acquittal of arson, showed to the world the Nazis' guilt and the emptiness of their accusations.

"Der Kampf" depicts the actual events leading up to the Reichstag fire and shows Dimitroff in the Leipzig court unmasking the witnesses against him and asserting that his life and deeds showed him to be no terrorist, but a militant fighter for the working class. An actual scene shows the late Henri Barbusse, famous French author, exhorting a French gathering to help free Dimitroff.

"Der Kampf" was made in the Soviet Union by German exiles from the Hitler terror. The dialogue is in German and is fully translated by English titles. Selected short subjects will also be shown on the same program.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

Monterey, Calif.

Support Western Worker Financial Drive!

Foe of Organized Labor Threatens To File a Lawsuit

(See Letter on Page Two)

ANOTHER good reason for expecting the workers to respond to the annual financial drive of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker!

The Western Worker has made many friends among the workers and other democratic forces opposed to Fascism. But it has made some enemies too. Any workers' paper would be proud to have such enemies.

William J. Ott is one who wouldn't contribute to the Western Worker, why?

Mr. Ott was discovered as one of those doing his best to damage the maritime strike, telling a maritime worker who called at his house that he was lining up a bunch of "men whom we can trust and who have plenty of guts" and boasting of the men he had put to work at one of the Oakland drydocks during a strike there last year. He also identified himself as secretary of the California Detective Association.

Mr. Ott's letter to us is a real recommendation. We know that the stronger we defend labor's rights the more certain we are to incur the enmity of those who serve the interest of the employers against organized labor.

A Threat

Mr. Ott's letter is also a threat. It is a voice of reaction and of growing Fascist tendencies, threatening to strike at the Western Worker or any newspaper which fearlessly prints information vital to the trade union movement.

The answer to Mr. Ott's must be made by increased support for the Western Worker. Contribute to the annual drive as an answer to all that Mr. Ott's activities represent. Support the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker as the foremost fighters for the rights of labor and all democratic rights of the American people.

Let your answer to Mr. Ott's be written by a contribution in the drive, using the coupon on Page 4.

HIGHLY PAID, BUT STILL WORKERS Screen Actress Tells Why Organize

LOS ANGELES—Sponsored by the Inter-Professional Association, a symposium was held here November 20 in the auditorium of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce in which several prominent writers and actors declared the need for organization in their professions to be equal to that of labor.

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Declaring that it is difficult to health the actor believe "that he is only a middle-class stooge squeezed from above by the economic royalists and from below by the economic realists, David Grockowsky, editor, said that not only actors, but doctors, nurses, writers, stenographers, lawyers, telephone operators, teachers are

under hot lights; steel workers toil in front of blazing furnaces. We work 16 hours a day, steel workers eight. We have an economic life of about five years, steel workers about 40. We who are under contract are virtual slaves to our employer 'owners,' while steel workers can do as much as they please outside the factory," said Miss Muir to emphasize her point that both are laborers in the sense that both contribute to the creation of a product which someone else sells for a profit.

Other prominent speakers who brought out the problems of their particular professions were J. W. Gillette, head of the Musicians' Union in Los Angeles; Arthur Greenleigh, of the social welfare workers of Los Angeles; and Frank Scully, magazine writer and motion picture scenarist.

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SAWDUST CAESAR PUTS ON A SHOW



MUSSOLINI, LIKE ALL Fascist dictators, provides more circuses than bread to the people of Italy. He is shown bellowing words of war threats on the 14th anniversary of his march (by de luxe parlor car) on Rome. A delegation of German Nazis flank him on the right. With them he is plotting war.

60 Contributors To New Masses 25th Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of "New Masses" will be marked by the publication of an anniversary issue to appear on the stands December 10. Sixty contributors, including many leading American writers and artists, are represented in the anniversary number.

Other prominent individuals in the nation's literary life or in the liberal and radical movement have sent greetings to the magazine. The special issue will be of 64 pages, double the normal size, and will be printed in an edition of 100,000 copies, the largest in its history.

History Told

The weekly was started as the "Masses" in 1911 and was suspended for opposing America's entry into the World War. It appeared after the war as the "Liberator" out of which grew the present "New Masses." Circulated at first among a limited group, the publication now claims a nation-wide circulation, especially among workers in the arts, education and allied fields.

The editorial staff, reorganized recently, is headed by Joseph Freeman. Bruce Minton is the editor of the ambitious anniversary issue.

Contributors of articles or stories in the special issues include: Theodore Dreiser, Sherman Anderson, John Dos Passos, Upton Sinclair, Michael Gold, John Howard Lawson, Granville Hicks, Albert Maltz, Vincent Sheean, Agnes Smedley, Fielding Burke, Rex Stout, Albert Halper, Robert Forsythe, Joseph Freeman, Scott Nearing, Earl Browder.

Poets Contribute

Among the poets in the issue will be: Edna St. Vincent Millay, William Rose Benet, Louis Untermeyer, Alfred Kreymborg, Genevieve Taggard, Edna Lou Walton, Isidor Schneider, Maxwell Bedenheim, Langston Hughes, Sarah Cleghorn, Richard Wright.

Among the artists in the issue will be Lynd Ward, Arnold Blanch, Boardman Robinson, William Gropper, Art Young, Wanda Gag, Jose Clemente Orozco, William Steig, Harry Sternberg, Maurice Becker, Louis Lozowick, Hugo Gellert, Jacob Burck, Gardner Rea, John Groth, George Pickens, Georges Schreiber, George Biddle, Aaron Sopher, Adolf Dehn.

Well, let them cry... Let all their thieving lot Cry out to shield their principles of rot. If you are not a Communist—well then, I fail to know the reason why you're not.

The way is long; the task is very great, With every step endangered by their hate. And yet, no other way—no other course Is left but to create a Workers' State.

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Delay, put off, avoid and bide your time! Your foes are busy working overtime!

Soon or late, your feet must find that road And each delay precipitates the climb.

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Oh, take the task in hand, while yet we may, And organize our ranks against the day When capital will put aside its mask And bare its pointed teeth in sharp array.

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We who have won the wars of all the world, Have battled every challenge ever hurl; What power of wealth can halt our certain march, When our united banner is unfurled?

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SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

THE RUBAIYAT OF FUTURE STRUGGLE

(Apologies to Edward Fitzgerald and Omar Kahyam.)

FIFTH INSTALLMENT

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A parasite—a jowly, perfumed brute; Creating nothing; claiming all as loot. You cook the best for him; you make his bed; 'Twas you who shined his shoes and pressed his suit.

44

He sits behind his desk and rings a bell, Orders the world around with shout and yell; If government officials rouse his ire, He calls them on the phone and gives them Hell.

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His hired lobbies pace the marble floors Of all the governmental corridors, To buttonhole, persuade, instruct or bribe Ambitious Congressmen or Senators.

46

For in and out, above, about, below, His golden threads control the puppet show; His fat voice squeaks behind the scenes the while His fingers move the actors to and fro.

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And if you sow the wheat and reap the grain And find that only chaff and dust remain For your poor share of this uneven scheme, Think clearly—who is stealing all the gain?

48

If you who toil in mine and mill and plant Find when the work is done your pay is scant, Think—was your labor not done well and true? Why then must want and hunger be rampant?

49

A few men own the earth. The balance sweat, A mad chaos of scheme and grab and get. Success! To make a pile! To strike it rich! To catch some trusting "sucker" in their net.

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Buy things for one price! Sell them higher! Rope in the "suckers" and find a buyer! Drive your competitor straight to the wall, And see who can be the most eloquent liar!

51

Dog eating dog and allowing the Devil To harvest the hindmost. The businessmen revel! They all go to Church, but will tell you in private That only a sap-head could be on the level.

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In this crude, bloody mess, beneath the sky, A cheated, troubled people live and die. Suggest some change; perhaps a fairer plan, "It's Communistic treason," they will cry.

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SPANISH MILITIA INSPIRED BY "SAILORS OF KRONSTADT" FILM OF SOVIETS' DEFENSE

Communists Take Lead In Organizing the Defense of Madrid Against Fascist Armies of General Franco

MADRID—"Sailors of Kronstadt," Soviet Union film of the heroic defense of Petrograd, is being shown here to workers' militia defending Madrid against the Fascist armies.

The defense of Madrid, of world peace, is being shaped in the image of the defense of Petrograd in 1917.

Mariana Perla introduced the film in the First Regiment Barracks:

"You are about to see the heroism of the Russian people before their mortal enemies. How they fought and how they won. With Petrograd threatened, they died rather than retreat a single step."

"Today Madrid is threatened. And the historical parallel between that situation and this one must not be interrupted by any fault of ours. We must know how to resist, how to win, just as our Russian brothers, who today offer us such admirable proofs of solidarity, did."

La Pasionaria, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain, spoke to 5000 militia, chiefly of the Fifth Regiment, the first non-partisan, People's Army regiment created on the initiative of the C.P.

"You are going to see a Soviet film," she said. "It reflects the defense of Petrograd. You are going to see how the workers, soldiers and sailors of Russia sacrificed themselves to procure the triumph of the Revolution, to save Petrograd."

"And you will go to the front. Bear yourselves like the heroic Russian workers. Let Fascism not tramp the streets of Madrid, not draw nearer to Madrid. Are you ready to give your lives to defend our city?"

One tremendous "Si" swelled up. It rolled out after her, as accompanied by Jose Diaz, secretary of the C.P., she left the theater.

"Better to die on one's feet than to live on one's knees," La Pasionaria had told the Spanish people, and the whole world took up the slogan. "Better widows of heroes, than wives of cowards," she told the anti-Fascist women of Spain. "Cowards who will die against the firing wall," she had convinced them, "if ever the Fascists enter Madrid."

Jesús Hernandez, Communist and Minister of Education, proposed the heroic example of the toilers of Petrograd to the workers of Madrid.

If the government has provided the general apparatus for building a new morale (the War Commissariat) and a new organization, truth demands that the Communist Party be credited with providing almost the whole organization and energy for the actual mobilization of the people against the Fascist armies.

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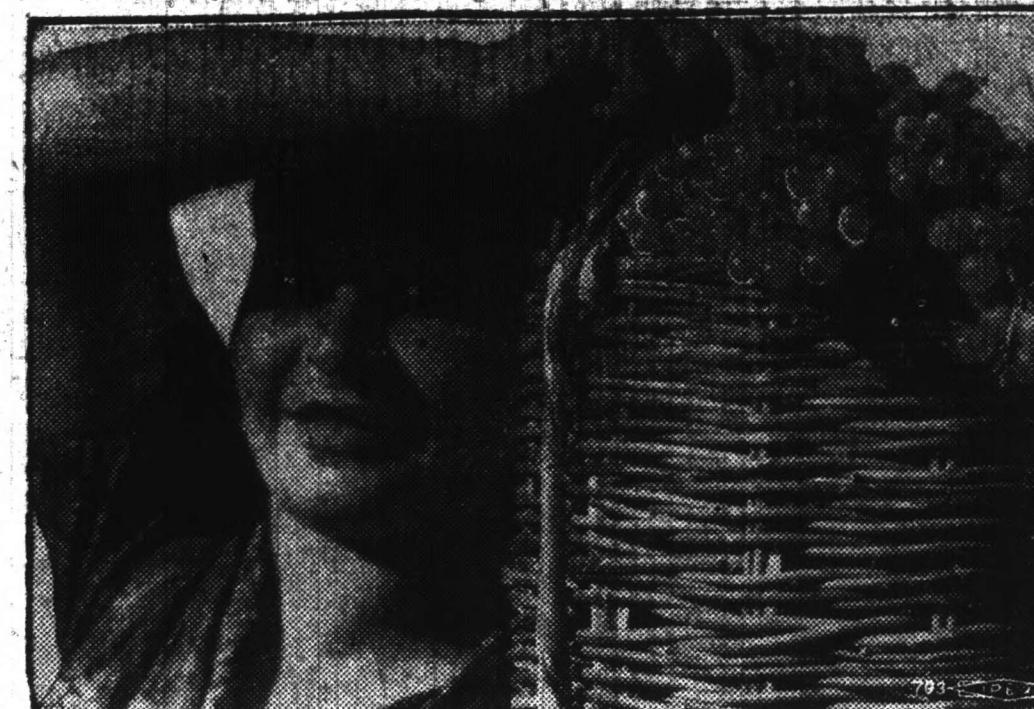
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A STUDENT at the Bakurtsakh agricultural school in the Caucasus expresses the happiness of the Soviet people.

U.S. CONTRACTS FOR 120 NEW WAR PLANES

INGLEWOOD, Cal.—The dealers in death find business quite profitable, with war machines all over the world being geared into high speed. The United States is no exception—it has just awarded a \$3,429,600 contract for 120 observation planes to the North American Aviation Company here.

These planes are of a new type, designed for 238 miles per hour, a single engine monoplane, with retractable landing gears and tailwheel.

Secretary of War Harry Woodring announced the contract award in Washington, saying this completes the army airplane purchase under the 1936-37 budget appropriation.

He said the War Department receives on the average of two planes every day and that by the end of the fiscal year will have 500 to 600 of the best planes in the world.

Worker Freed as Lies Exposed Stoopigone's

SAN FRANCISCO—Held for deportation to Nazi Germany, Arthur Hertz was unconditionally freed after Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, blasted the stool pigeon testimony of M. Doyle, connected with the "Subversive Activities Committee" of the American Legion, who was forced to withdraw a counsel for the Santa Rosa vigilantes.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the California Federation of Labor, advanced a unique theory of politics the other day in commenting on the Merriam administration proposal for a state police department.

Because there are 47 Democrats in the forthcoming legislature, and only 33 Republicans, no anti-labor laws will be adopted by the State Legislature in 1937, said Vandeleur.

The few remaining Bourbons in business want a state police force to help them crush labor, he said. "They might have got away with it in the past, but they won't next year, because the assembly will be a liberal and progressive house and won't adopt anti-labor laws."

Not a word about the fact that Democrats can be and often are reactionary, not a word about the necessity of organizing all possible pressure labor can muster, in order to put over a real pro-labor program and defeat all anti-labor bills in the legislature.

It's Really Touching...

Truly, Brother Vandeleur's faith in the integrity of all Democratic politicians is touching—not to say naive.

Certainly there will be a strong progressive bloc in the next State Assembly, including such men as Paul A. Richie, John Pelletier, and other Epics, and some more or less progressive and pro-labor Democrats.

But there will also be some Democratic assemblymen at Sacramento who are outright reactionary and anti-labor—and at least one Fascist.

From the 68th Assembly District, for example, one Fred P. Glick was elected as a Democrat—with the endorsement of such "democratic" organizations as the Friends of New Germany (Nazis).

Many Democrats in the Assembly will also be in the position taken by President Roosevelt—surrendering to the reactionaries when they feel sure of labor's support.

Pro-Labor Laws Needed...

"There ought to be a law against that," is a remark familiar to all Americans.

There are a lot of things in California that need to be remedied by law, for the best interests of organized labor.

For example, labor needs a law against vigilantism, a law against use of stooges and provocateurs to disrupt labor organizations, against all forms of sales taxes.

And labor needs a law to tax the rich who can afford to pay, instead of taxing the working people; a law to end the infamous, anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act; a law guaranteeing trade union wages on all public and private jobs; adequate relief legislation; a minimum wage law, and many other guarantees of economic and political rights for labor.

Labor Party Best...

Of course, the best way to get such pro-labor, pro-people legislation adopted in California is through the medium of a Farmer-Labor Party, a people's front with a people's program.

Only a Farmer-Labor Party, based on the trade unions, can guarantee getting all these basic needs and demands into reality.

But the best way to organize a Farmer-Labor Party is to get all unions and other progressive organizations behind such a legislative program right now, to present a common front when the State Legislature convenes next January.

And such a united front could win many of these demands at the next State Legislature.

No Trust in Politicians...

Brother Vandeleur would have labor and other progressives sit back and contemplate upon the fact that 47 Democrats are in the State Assembly, to trust in them who "won't adopt anti-labor laws."

There's a wisecrack that is frequently seen in hash-houses that sums up the situation for labor and the progressives in a few words: "To trust is bust, to bust is hell—not trust, no bust, no hell."

If trust only is placed in these Democrats, all pro-labor bills will bust in the coming legislative session, and anti-labor bills will bust on the heads of the people. And the hell that would be forthcoming would lie in increased power for the reactionary pro-Fascist big business, that didn't abandon its drive for Hitlerism just because it didn't elect Landon.

There's only one thing for the people to trust and that is themselves and their organized power—to work with the progressives in the Legislature, giving them a pro-labor mandate to carry out, and to put pressure on those who would waver on the side of reaction.

And put that organized power into the form of a solid, well-knit Farmer-Labor Party in California.

ABUSES BROUGHT IN OPEN

Alaska Canners Fight Discrimination BOSSES PLAYED FAVORITES

By An Alaska Canner
(Continued From Previous Issues)

ALASKA—The season wore on. The necessary work that preceded an anticipated record catch was being carried out. The entire crew was engaged in turning out boxes, reforming cans, cutting wire, etc. In short, the decks were being prepared for action.

The petty antagonisms of the bosses were set aside for the time being. Or so it seemed. Things were running fairly smooth. The food was the best that could be obtained under the circumstances. The promised deer meat did arrive and relieve the monotony somewhat.

Quiet Disturbing

The men turned to, and did an average day's work, which is all that could be expected of them. A clam seemed to envelop the camp. The quietness in itself was disturbing.

Underneath this calm a struggle was constantly going on. The bosses were trying to discredit each other in the eyes of the men, in a subtle manner, catering to the men in their own pet groups, etc. This calm reminded one of an active volcano, dormant for the time being, but liable to violent eruptions, at any moment disturbing the calm and spoiling the chances of unity among the men.

The rank and file was proceeding with caution, on the "qui vive" as it were. We weren't going to be caught unawares. We knew that something was wrong somewhere but could not make out just what it was. We were soon to find out.

Abuses Brought In Open

At last the preparatory work was brought to a close. The men were placed at the tasks that they were to carry out during the fishing season. Here is where the abuses were once more brought out in the open.

Men who by virtue of having been to Alaska in the past, were placed in the key positions. These key positions were paid extra wages in the form of bonuses.

That is all well and good. There is some justice to the seniority rule to an extent. This is not true where a man is given a job that he is not capable of carrying out. Besides this, there were a number of men favorites of the bosses, who although they had never been to Alaska before, were given these jobs, with the foremen vouching as to their previous experience.

In one instance, a boss gave his son, who had never been to Alaska before, the job of relief man. It carried the highest bonus money, and it also exploded the contention of these same bosses that experience was necessary. So you see, this bonus money was being used as a club over the heads of some of the workers, to keep them in line, and at the same time it was a means of discriminating against others. It divided the camp into two groups.

Up till this time the men who had been stacking cans were under the impression that they would continue in this capacity during the fishing season. There is a difference in the handling of empty and full cans, but it is not such as to justify removing these men to make room for others, because prior to the canning season the job does not carry a bonus. During the canning season there is a bonus of \$35 attached.

When these men were to be replaced by favorites, there naturally was a howl. The bosses countered that it required experienced men. At a meeting I spoke in behalf of these men. My argument was to the effect that if the new men were to be deprived of the right to take over a certain percentage, of these bonus jobs, they would be classed as new men, that they would never be classed as experienced men (so-called) if they did not avail themselves of a percentage of these bonus jobs.

I argued on the basis of the percentage of new men introduced into the union. This figure was 75 per cent old and 25 per cent new men. Taking these figures, if there were four bonus jobs, the old men could claim three and the new men one. In this way, new men would be absorbed into the classification of old timers.

In all of this argument, my position was made clear by stating at the beginning that I was not speaking in my own behalf. Before having finished, I was deprived of the floor.

(To Be Continued.)

More Than 700 At Workers' Press Concert In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—More than 700 gathered at the T.V.G. Hall here November 22nd for the Workers' Press Concert, initial affair in the drive to raise Los Angeles' quota of \$5000 for maintenance of the Western Worker and Daily Worker.

Entertainment was by the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra and Calmon Lubowitsky, violinist.

Betty Gannett, California State Educational Director of the Communist Party, analyzed the corrupt Hearst press, calling attention to its distortion and suppression of socially important men.

"In our struggles for the immediate needs of the workers, in our fight against war and fascism, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, we must go forward to build our workers' press, our Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, into a powerful organ of the working class," she said.

Responding to a collection speech given by John Storm, writer and actor, \$166 were donated.

Other entertainment was Langston Hughes' famous dramatic poem given by Georgia Hatfield, and a selection of dances by a Lester Horton group.

"Educating" Kids For Future War

SAN DIEGO—Speaking at a recent meeting of the Parent-Teacher Associations here, John Reid, principal of the grammar school, acquainted the audience with the reason and the role the American Legion played in the creation of American Education Week now being observed.

Said Mr. Reid: "During the world war it was observed that many soldiers in the trenches and elsewhere were unable to carry out orders given them because of the lack of education. We therefore decided when we returned home to remedy that fault, and I am happy to belong to one of the organizations that sponsors American Education Week."

One wonders if that is the best reason Mr. Reid can cite for the formation of such an educational project.

Council President Tells Why Labor Opposes Fascism

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE—Answering a protest of a reactionary delegate from the Barbers' Union, President Earl Moorehead of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council gave a talk on the record of Fascism in breaking up labor unions.

He also showed that the vigilante activities in California and other acts of repression are all moving in the direction of establishing Fascism in this country. The Barbers' delegate had protested the subject coming before the council at the time when action was being taken in answer to the formation of a vigilante committee. The delegate got a rebuke from the council as a whole when it gave Moorehead a huge applause for his talk.

C.P. Candidate Polls 2733 Votes In 9th Congressional Dist.

Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 9th District in the November 3rd elections, polled 2733 votes up to November 10th in Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced and Stanislaus counties, according to incomplete tabulations.

Total votes cast for Earl Browder in California mounted to 9526, with 133 votes cast in Fresno County, 22 in Madera County, and 30 in Merced County. Stanislaus County had previously reported 78 votes for the Communist presidential candidate, but no report on Browder's vote had been made from Kings County.

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FARMER-LABOR PARTY IN U. S. "INEVITABLE"

Minnesota's Senator Lundeen Offers Assistance

MINNEAPOLIS.—Establishment of a national Farmer-Labor Party is "inevitable," declared Ernest Lundeen, U.S. Senator-elect from Minnesota on the Farmer-Labor ticket.

Lundeen, whose great wave of Farmer-Labor votes swamped his reactionary Republican opponent, offered his assistance to all groups endeavoring to "consolidate progressive forces into a national Farmer-Labor Party."

"I want the progressives and liberals of America to know that I volunteer my services to all groups who are endeavoring to consolidate the progressive forces into a national Farmer-Labor Party," he said.

"The firm foundations of a great national labor party are already laid."

"Labor organizations, farm cooperatives and their affiliated groups are joining together in a great political alliance. The North Star state (Minnesota) points the way. A national Farmer-Labor Party is inevitable."

Walter Winchell would say it: "Orchids to Marg. Waegell, of Elk Grove, California."

The Western Worker says it this way:

"To a devoted correspondent, for her writing of the fight of the poor farmers against short weights being given them by poultry and livestock buyers, goes as reward a copy of John Strachey's 'The Coming Struggle for Power.'

This is not the first excellent story to come from this correspondent, and beyond a shadow of a doubt will not be the last. The prize-winning story appeared in the Western Worker dated Monday, November 23rd.

More Prizes To Come!

And there are more books yet to come for prize-winning stories by our worker correspondents. Next prize will be "Political Economy" by Leontine, a book all of you would like to own, and will be awarded on the basis of stories appearing in this issue and the next issue.

For the following week, the prize will be "The Death Ship: The Story of an American Sailor," by B. Traven. This prize ought to bring us some hot copy from the waterfront picket lines.

And don't forget, when you write up the story from your farm, factory, dock, ship, or neighborhood—the best audience for your story is to be found among your fellow workers or neighbors.

So send in with your story an order for a bundle of the Western Worker containing your story. Bundle rates are low—only 2½ cents per copy, money order in advance.

Let's hear from you my pronto!

Fitts Got Bargain at This Price

LOS ANGELES—Something in the way of humor was provided here last week when District Attorney Buron Fitts swore in his official expense sheet, filed with the county recorder that his million-dollar election campaign cost exactly \$1225.14, with \$15.14 of this out of his own pocket.

At the same time, he filed a disclaimer of responsibility for any and all expenditures for his re-election made by persons unknown to him.

By some mysterious trick of coincidence, gambling houses, bookmaking joints and houses of prostitution are running wide open in every section of the city and no doubt Fitts has disclaimed responsibility for this, also.

Strike Threat Brings Gain to Jewellers

LOS ANGELES—100 per cent organization of the Jewelry Workers' Union won for its members here this week a wage rise of from 15 to 25 cents an hour.

During prolonged negotiations employers had attempted to give promise in place of wage, but the threat of a general strike in the jewelry trades finally brought them to understand that granting the workers demands would be less expensive.

DEMOCRACY'S GUNS TURN 'EM BACK



DEMOCRACY'S DEFENDERS in Spain have held the fascists off at Madrid's gates. These auto trucks, loaded with supplies for fascist General Franco didn't get any further after loyalist guns began sweeping the highway. The people of Madrid rallied the scores of thousands to turn back the armies of fascism, backed by arms and other aid of fascist Germany and Italy.

Union Recreation Center Nines Win One, Lose One In Games Played Over Last Week-End

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The two Union Recreation Center baseball teams came out of the fog last Sunday, November 22nd, with one game to the good and one unexpected loss. The Class "A" No. 1 team lost a hard-played game to a supposed pushover team, the Simon Mattress Club—U. R. C., 2; Simon Mattress, 3.

The dumping was due to some smart double plays of the S. M. players and bad breaks for the U. R. C. team. This makes the first big defeat to the strong U. R. C. No. 1 team, which is close to the front of the league. The average at the present time is won five, tied one, lost one.

They have all the chances in the world to take first place if they "dump" (waterfront) speaking the rest of the teams from now on. The best clubs are coming up, and the U. R. C. boys are good enough to take the lead from them.

The slugger of the day was Cardinale, U. R. C. second baseman, who hit two for four times at bat.

Next game is U. R. C. No. 1 vs. Golden Gate Aerie Eagles No. 61, at Bryant Street Park, corner of Sixth and Bryant Streets, on Sunday, November 29th, 10 a. m.

U. R. C. 4; Gilmore Florists 3.

This U. R. C. team, which was at the tail end at the closing inning took the ball game away from the Gilmore Florists through a fine exhibition of team work, piloted by the new manager, Gus Goliva.

In the ninth, the U. R. C. was up at bat with the score in favor of the flower boys, 3-2. The first batter up gets on the first bag. Gus held a short confab with the next batter and then there were two men on. The third batter, Moburge, U. R. C. star catcher, took the ball from the new manager and cracked a clean hit to center field, resulting in the winning run.

"Pop" Payne, who looks after both teams, has his hands full with the Class "A" team, so Gus Goliva, a real rank and file and old-time ball player, from the stevedore I.L.A. Local 33-79, was called on to help out. Gus likes team work (just like a stevedore) and the same from the players should get the whole team places.

The next game, Sunday, November 29th, 10 a. m., will be at Ocean View Park—Diamond No. 2—U. R. C. vs. San Francisco Boys Club (Lions).

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Machinery Set to Make American Labor Party Permanent

PRESSMEN, CLOTHING AND DRESSMAKERS UNION HEADS ARE LEADERS OF NEW PARTY

Preparing for Future Campaigns, They Set Up Committee of Seven In New York; Expect Successes

NEW YORK—A committee of seven charged with the duty of putting the American Labor Party on a permanent basis, setting up the machinery required by the Election Law and whipping county and assembly district headquarters into shape in preparation for future campaigns, will sit all this week.

SUIT AIMS TO CRACK SALINAS BLACKLISTING

Conspiracy of the Shippers-Growers Is Charged

SALINAS—Blacklisting in Salinas was exposed by the Federal anti-trust suit brought by five Salinas lettuce workers a week ago Wednesday. In the charges before the Federal court, the Salinas Grower-Shippers Vegetable Association and more than thirty of its members are named as defendants.

How It Works

According to the plaintiff lettuce workers, a system is in use by which they were deprived of any chance to return to work at the conclusion of the recent Salinas strike. Pressure, they say, is exerted by the defendants upon all employers not to rehire 400 to 500 workers due to strike activities.

The alleged conspiracy impedes interstate commerce, according to the plaintiffs' charges, in that nine-tenths of the lettuce workers migrate regularly with the crops from Salinas to Phoenix, Arizona. A major portion of the lettuce crop is said also to move in interstate commerce.

Although a combination to cut off a labor supply has, in numerous instances, been held to violate the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws, this is the first case where the interstate movement of migratory workers has been used as a ground for federal jurisdiction under the statute.

Federal District Judge A. S. St. Sure issued an order to show cause directed to the defendants. They will appear before Judge St. Sure on [redacted] to answer the charges made by the blacklisted workers. Aubrey Grossman and I. Richard Gladstein, 688 Mills Building, are attorneys for the five lettuce workers.

Reliable A.F.L. Men

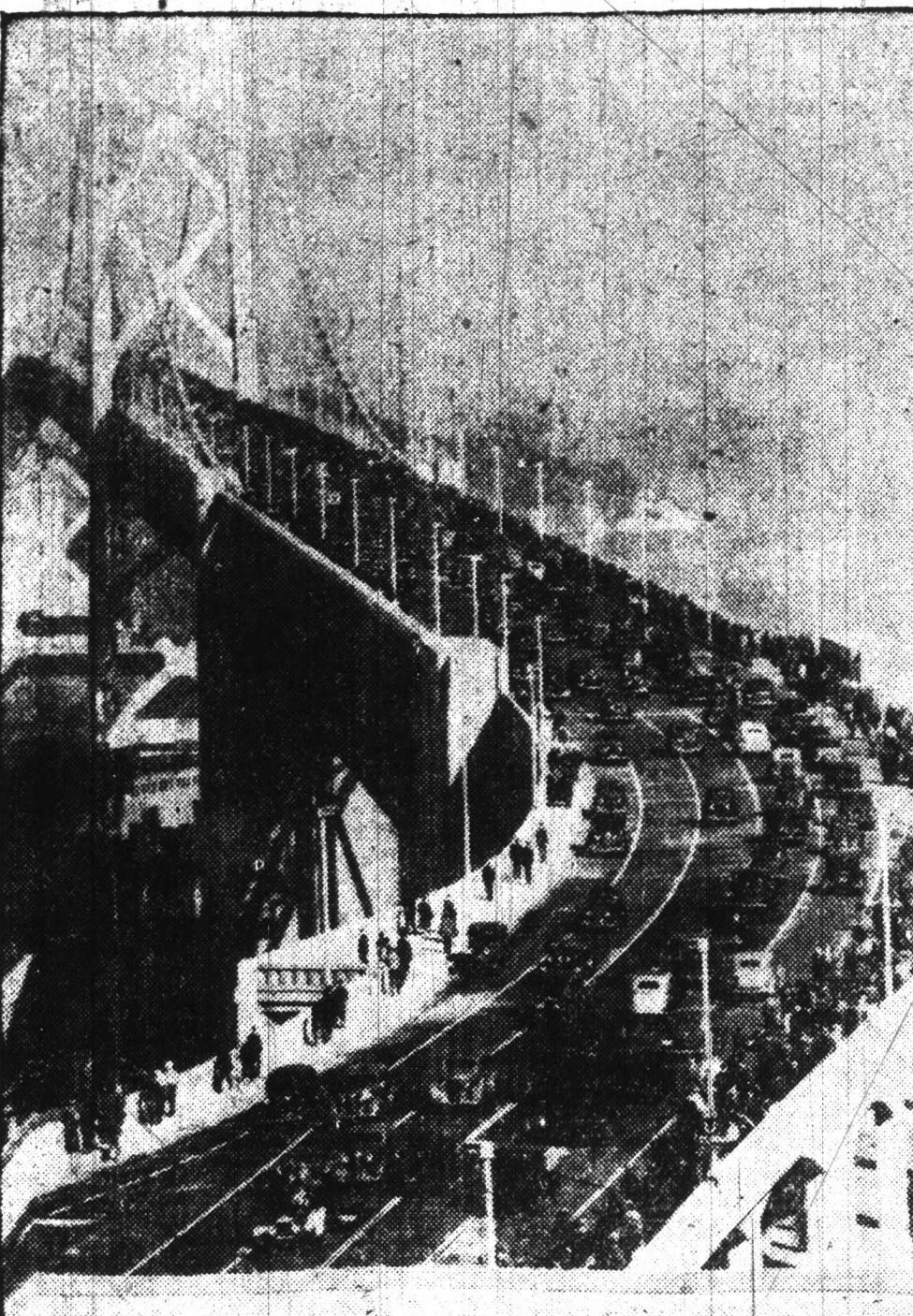
The plaintiffs are J. B. Alberta, Earl Montgomery, John S. Wiseman, John Novak, and George Foote, all of Salinas. Each of the men is known as a reliable A.F.L. man in the Salinas area.

They claim that when they obtained work without approval of the boss hiring hall, their dismissal was forced by the defendants' conspiracy. The sheds which want to put back to work their old, experienced hands regardless of the blacklist, are threatened, according to the complaint, with immediate withdrawal of bank and commercial credit, and stoppage of ice, boxes, and other necessary supplies.

An adjunct of the black list system, say the workers, is a "clearance card" rule. Clearance cards, which will be necessary in getting jobs in Imperial Valley and in Arizona, are denied to all of the active union men appearing on the blacklist.

Included in the list of defendants charged with the conspiracy in the federal court are many prominent reactionary employers in Salinas, including Hunter Johnson, E. H. Spiegel, Arthur Mann, Charles S. Brooks, L. P. Baum, F. V. Birbeck, L. E. New-

LABOR MADE THIS POSSIBLE



THE \$77,000,000 San Francisco-Oakland bridge carries a continuous stream of auto traffic. A tremendous achievement. Let us not forget the men who worked to build it, and let's not forget the 23 whose lives were sacrificed by the greed of contracting companies, who did not provide proper safety protection.

ANTI-UNION HOAX TRIED

El Centro "Attack" Admitted Fake

EL CENTRO—All but heartbroken were Sheriff Ware and Police Chief Oswalt here when their precious hero "survivor of a gun attack by radical labor agitators" confessed he had been a victim only in his imagination.

"I shot those bullets into my own car and then falsely reported my miraculous escape from leader death as a business publicity stunt," said Carl Maslund when he was confronted with the 32-caliber automatic with which the faked shooting was done.

Rating well up in the ranks of stupidity with his captors, in their recent "deaf, dumb and blind" attitude to mob vigilantism against Esco Richardson, Communist speaker, Maslund told Ware and Oswalt he had faked the attack in order to torment local anti-Red agitation (as if it were needed) and sell his services as director of trucking services in the event of local "labor violence."

Maslund is said to have admitted he held a similar position in the Salinas lettuce strike.

Maslund did not say why he selected El Centro, long known as a hot bed of vigilante terrorists, as the place to perform his "miraculous escape," but it is generally agreed upon that, in this at least, he used considerable discernment and that, alas, something went wrong. Perhaps El Centro vigilantes complained to police that Maslund was infringing upon their special privilege.

Palo Alto Has First Pickets

PALO ALTO—The first case of picketing by organized labor in Palo Alto occurred the other day when the Building Trades Council and the Mortar Trades Alliance posted pickets in front of a new building under construction at Forest and Lincoln Avenues.

The job was declared unfair in wages and conditions. Peaceful picketing is to continue. The union scale is \$1.50 an hour for plasterers and \$1.25 for hod carriers, with a 6-hour day.

ORANGE COUNTY GROWERS ADMIT HUGE GROWTH IN PROFITS

SANTA ANA—A tremendous growth in the profits of the California citrus growers during the last season is revealed. At the annual meeting of the California Fruit Growers Exchange it was shown that citrus fruits brought over \$14,000,000 more this season than the last one. Paul S. Armstrong, general manager for the exchange stated that this was an increase of 17% cash despite the fact that there was a decline of 8% in the amount of fruit sold.

Besides this the tax payers

moaned that they could not possibly pay the orange pickers \$3 per day because the industry was not able to pay such wages and still show a fair profit.

They employed strike breakers and lost thousands of dollars, because inexperienced pickers pull the stems from the fruit making it necessary to use the oranges locally or in the juice factory, as oranges with the stems pulled out spoil more quickly in transit.

During the last citrus workers strike the fruit growers

Shipowners In South Meet To Distort Issues

El Centro "Attack" Admitted Fake

LOS ANGELES.—Following failure to utilize the Federal Court here as a strikebreaking agency in what became famous over night as the "banana case," anti-labor forces, embodying not only the shipowners, but the powerful gang of open-shoppers, are lining up their ranks preparing to attack by all the foul means possible the striking maritime unions.

Meeting here November 19 at a noonday session of the Foreign Trade Club, nearly a hundred shippers, commercial company executives and importers drafted plans to distort the issues of the maritime strike to the public, to exert pressure on the Police Department to increase its forces in Los Angeles Harbor and to intensify its policy of intimidation, and to obtain aid from the Department of Commerce.

A six-man committee, headed by Maurice Carasso, importer, was appointed to start a publicity campaign on radio broadcasts and in newspapers advertisements to acquaint the public with what Edgar M. Wilson, president of the Los Angeles Steamship Company, called "union abuses."

Their Arrogance

Indicating the line the publicity will follow, Wilson ridiculously attempted to place the blame for the increased cost of food on the strikers.

Apparently speaking for the shipowners, Wilson stated definitely that union demands for seamen's hiring hall will not be granted by the shipowners.

"We'll stand or fall on this decision," he concluded.

In the meanwhile, reactionary chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Rogers W. Jessup, requested Deputy County Counsel Claude H. McFadden to draw up a resolution asking both sides in the maritime strike to "abstain."

Excerpts from the proposed resolution released to the press indicate Jessup's interests are where they have always been—with the employers. For although lamenting the plight of the "unfortunate" position of the strikers' wives and children, he fails to set forth the actual conditions on which the shipowners would be willing to arbitrate, the conditions that would rob the maritime workers of union protection in their struggle to maintain a decent living for the wives and children Jessup feels so badly about.

THE CASE OF BILL GREEN AND MINERS

UMWA Reviews His Acts and Comes to A Decision

WASHINGTON.—The following order was adopted by the International Executive Board, United Mine Workers of America:

THE CASE OF WILLIAM GREEN

This board assumes that William Green is a member of the United Mine Workers of America. No examination of record has been made. It has no knowledge that he belongs to any other union. Through life he has accepted the protection of this Union and has sought and received its honors.

Acted Against Own Union

This Board reviews his recent acts upon complaints of members. This judicial authority is exercised under grant of power set forth in the constitution of the Union. William Green, after notice, makes ready, entering unsupported denial of four items of complaint. He cites his previous record of service as proof of innocence.

Filipino, White Unity in Stockton

STOCKTON.—In an effort to prevent the celery workers' strike the Shippers-Growers Association offered the workers 35 cents an hour in some of the sheds.

This strike, led by Stockton Agricultural Workers Union local 20,221 shows that there can be unity in the agricultural fields between Filipinos, Americans, Mexicans and Negroes.

All these nationalities were

among the 700 who voted strike last Sunday night and all these were on the picket lines bright and early on Monday when the strike began.

Filipino and white workers are the majority in the ranks of the strikers. Unity among the various nationalities was brought out by many speakers at the strike vote meeting. The strike committee of 65 has representatives on it from every nationality.

The unity here is a kick in the teeth to the misleaders in Salinas, like Doss and Shevlin who refused to allow such unity.

They said lyingly the Filipinos could not be organized and time and again they prevented the organization of the Filipinos.

The Stockton local has broken the ice by organizing the Filipinos in the A.F.L. and other locals have before them a shining example.

Speakers made it clear that the union does not intend to allow any sellout as happened in Salinas. This union is run by the rank and file.

These things are all of public knowledge. To deny them is to stultify all sources of public information.

Dishonesty

This Board attempts no appraisal of individual moral responsibility. It is conscious of its own limitations. It is also conscious of William Green's obligations to his own people and his own Union. Life in the mines is naked and elemental. Relationships are not cushioned with sophistry. This Union yields to none the right to appraise the act of a servant or the perfidy of a member.

William Green's service to this Union terminated 12 years ago. For such period he has been an officer and agent of his Federation. His acts against this Union began in January this year. With his associates he branded his own Union as engaging in a reprehensible enterprise. In February, he served an ultimatum upon his own Union and received its decision. In September, with his allies, he ejected his own Union from his own Federation.

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During the past year there has been a steady growth in the number and strength of unions in the agricultural and cannery field.

Many independent unions are reported withholding affiliation to the A.F.L. because of objections to splitting their organizations into local federal unions.

Negroes Are For Industrial Unions

Why the Celery Workers Struck

WASHINGTON.—Endorsement of the movement for industrial organization was urged upon the American Federation of Labor in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the National Negro Congress, meeting in Washington.

"The industrial union offers an effective solution of the problems of race discrimination in the labor movement," the Congress declared.

If after time for consideration he elects to CEASE and DESIST from his present acts and associations, he will be made welcome by this Union in accordance with his rank and accomplishments. If he decides to continue his opposition to its policies, he must henceforth, assume the full responsibility of his dishonesty.

This order is so entered.

Adopted by the International Executive Board, United Mine Workers of America, Washington, D.C., November 18, 1936.

Fake Plot Hatched By Valley Growers

EL CENTRO—An attempt to preclude the public against organized labor and also to pave the way for anti-labor terror is seen in the claim by Carl Naslund, notorious anti-labor figure of Imperial County, that organizers of the lettuce workers had lied on his car.

Lettuce workers in the Valley are skeptical about the alleged attack, which came at the start of the lettuce season here. Many Salinas union members are here for the season and they intend to spread unionization, but not through terror, which is used by the employers.

Organized labor here must

fight to prevent such an ordinance from being put through.

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board the city attorney was told to obtain copies of anti-picket laws passed in Salinas and other cities.

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